

# AMA-CHEWER

MONTHLY PAPER OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB INC.

JAN.-FEB. 1951

## PROGRAMS

- FEB 9th Business meeting.
- FEB 16th Question and Answer program originally scheduled earlier in Feb. Bring your questions and pose them for the "Experts" to answer. No fooling this is your chance to try and get an answer to your current problem.
- FEB 22nd Thursday. On this date Mr. Richard L. Baldwin, W1IKE of ARRL Assistant Secretary staff will talk to the hams in this area. Meeting will be at 8:00 PM at WISH auditorium at 1440 N. Meridian St. second floor. Following a talk about TVI and Civilian Defense matters Mr. Baldwin will throw the meeting open to questions of general interest concerning the amateur and ARRL, etc. Everyone is welcome to this meeting so bring along a friend so that he may get first hand information direct from ARRL.
- FEB 23rd Friday. No meeting due to the special Thursday meet.
- MAR 2nd Question and Answer program, again, bring your problems along and try to get them answered.
- MAR 9th Business meeting of the club. It is your club so be present at these meetings to hear proposals, join in seeing how the monies of the club are spent, etc. Be a real member by being present.
- MAR 16th Programs this month in charge of Gerald Lucas. This program to be a nounced.
- MAR 23rd Program to be announced
- MAR 30th Old Timers Night. On this meeting the old timers are invited to attend the club meetings. This meeting in particular all members are asked to bring along as many old timers as they can. Be contacting them now so that they can plan to be at this meeting. Make this OTN even better than the yearly meetings for old timers that we have held in the past.

### FIELD DAY COMMITTEE

GEROGE WOOD CHAIRMAN W9CZO  
RAY FORBES W9HNS

EARL KIRK W9OET  
HARRY BUTLER W9OVF

### MEETING PLACE

All meetings with the exception of the ARRL meeting are held at the NorthEast Community Center at 3306 E. 30th St. (30th St. at LaSalle)  
Meetings start at 8:00 PM.



## 1951 CLUB OFFICERS

Pres.	Robert Evans, W9FKX	5229 Cornelius	GL 0885
V. Pres.	Rollie Boughton, W9PMM	1430 N. LaSalle St.	AT 6033
Secy.	John Jones, W9FZW	3339 Robson	CA 5722
Treas.	Clarence Pence	2969 N. Dearborn St.	CH 5459
Ch. Opr.	George Wood, W9CZO	3607½ E. New York St.	BL 6248
Dir.	Alvey Pittman, W9JJC	RR #16 Box 588X Indpls.	CO 8331
Dir.	Gerald Lucas, W9APJ	815 N. Sherman Drive.	IR 7885

## AUDITING COMMITTEE

William Lueth, Ernest Craven, Charles Parker.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The following have been named to serve on the program committee. Each member will be responsible for one or more months of programs and he will either give the program or secure someone to present the program for that month that is given him.

Gerald Lucas, W9APJ	Howard Severeid, W9DPL	Elmer Merschino
Ray Forbes, W9HNS	Alvey Pittman, W9JJC	Jerry Todd, W9ATS
	Rollie Boughton, W9PMM	

## INTERFERENCE COMMITTEE

The following members have been named to serve on the new interference committee. Channel complaints of interference, TVI, Phone, CW, etc. to this body.

Rollie Boughton, W9PMM	George Wood, W9CZO	Jerry Todd, W9ATS
	Robert Evans, W9FKX	

## NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Since the last issue of AMACHEWER there has been quite a few memberships taken out in the club. We are proud to list the following group into the club membership and as always may we suggest that you can get just as much out of the club as the effort you put into it, so, why not pitch right in with the new officers and help make it a banner year for the club. WELCOME TO THE CLUB.

Edwin R. Arbuckle, W9IEZ	G. B. Todd, W9ATS
R. R. 1 Box 116 Brownsburg, Ind.	3601 English Ave., Indpls, Ind.

Earl H. Kirk, W9OET	Kenneth E. Smith, W9KOY
3852 N. Penn. St. Indpls, Ind.	RR #2 Frankfort, Ins.

M.W. Price, W9BZB	J. H. Barnett, W9LZI
126 Woodside Ave., Indpls, Ind.	20 Meridian Place Indpls, Ind.

## SPECIAL MEETING

Do not forget the special meeting of the club Thursday Night at 8:00 P.M. at the WISH Auditorium at 1440 N. Meridian St. 2nd Floor. Mr. Richard L. Baldwin, W1KE, Assistant Secretary of the ARRL will be present on a field trip for the League. He will talk on TVI and Civilian Defense matters following with a round table discussion of matters concerning the amateur. Bring along your questions and he will answer them for you. Everyone is welcome to attend and this is your chance to get first hand information from the ARRL direct.



## EDITOR'S JUNIOR EDITION

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Caskey report the arrival of a new edition on January 12, 1951. The miniature edition was named Joy Lyn Caskey and arrived at 6:00 A.M. Weight of this issue was 6 pounds 3½ ounces. Mother and daughter are doing fine and at this late date of reporting the above event Joy weighs 9 pounds 9 ounces at 4 weeks of age. (Even POP is doing all right.)

## CAN YOU IMAGINE?

Remember our column that we used to carry under the above heading, well, it has returned again. All that is necessary to keep it going is that YOU send in items that can be used under this title.

## CAN YOU IMAGINE?

President Bob speaking in a shrill voice.

Henry Horney M Cing at the Fox.

Pence with an Extra Class license.

Caskey conducting a marriage preparation class.

Jim Sugioka as a bartender.

"Humphrey" Woods as choir master at Cadle Tabernacle.

Enough sending in material to keep this column full.

THE FLING OF THE GAUNTLET  
or

## NO BETS ACCEPTED AFTER THE HORSES LEAVE THE POST

(Editors note- the following came to the editors desk shortly after the now famous Pence-Marschino challenge. Now to those who were not at club that night let it be known that Come the night of Pence's installation as secretary of the club that he did vow before that group that he, Clarence Pence did challenge Elmer to a race against time in that he, Clarence Pence would be first to get his ticket to hang up on the wall for all to behold.-)

Came one bright and clarion call  
That rang from the rafters of the hall.  
A gauntlet slap against the cheek,  
A challenge from Sir Clarence the Meek.

With voice stentorian and fiery eye  
Thus did Clarence decalre that "I",  
Will view my ticket with fascination,  
While Marchino and his procrastination  
Will seek in vain for the Holy Grail,  
And beseech the commission to no avail."

With ire aroused at such insinuation,  
Marchino snorted that "The situation  
Is well in hand, and I will say  
That t is varlet will rue this day,  
And when encomium issung  
This knave, with shamed head hung,  
Will renounce this monstous lie,  
And admit that the better man is I."

## CODE SCHOOL

A code school was to havestarted at Tech with registration Jan 15 through the 18th. No report at this time as to whether enough had registered. (Please note Pence, Marchino.)



The following items have been turned over to the editor for making up your club paper AMACHEWER. Help to make it even more interesting by writing up your doings or an item or two about things that go on over the air or in ham radio. Send them to the editor, Robert Caskey 2355 Stuart St. Indianapolis 18, Ind. or turn the items in at meetings to the club secretary.

How about sum QRM on 420 mcs. W9APJ is trying to find the band with Lecher wires and wud like sumone to talk to if he ever gets in the band.

How about sum programs on VHF. Wat sa Springer?

Gene Holler is now working at Naval Ordnance with Art NNX Simon Legreeing. Crack ur whip, Art.

The spectrum is well covered by the Esterling-Angus gang with DPL on 160, CYQ on 80, APJ on 40 and 2, and OVF on 20. Have opening for 10 if anyone can talk Angus into hiring a fone man. (APJ)

Pittman mobile rig is all finished except frilling a few holes, talking P.M. into winding a few coils, talking the XYL into letting him put it in the car, wiring the tuning unit up, finding a mike, installing a PE103 and buying a battery charger. JJC. (Ed. note when is the guy going to start to build the thing. HI)

Ralph Bundy, W9MEK sho attended code classes sponsored by Indianapolis Radio Club inc. at Tech high school, recently got his call and is now starting out on 80 meter cw. No det.ils asto what sort of equipment nor just when he is active, so how about coming on out to club meeting some mite soon, Ralph, and give us the details, and you'll find lots of fellows you already know, and who will be willing to help you along on the air.

John Burris got the call W9MEK recently, and of him nothing is known as to what bands or what hours he may be found on the air, so how about you too coming to Club, John, and getting acquainted.

Recent examinations for operators licenses here at Indianapolis were passed by Robert Vaughn and he now proudly holds the call W9MPH. Bob is a member of the maintenance staff at Merchants National Bank Building and is very much interested in VHF work, wanting to get in contact with some local ham or group who can operate at 420 megacycles. He lives on North Guilford street fellows, so someone give him a buzz and tip him off as to where he can make some 420 MC friends among our group. Bob has been operating low power (a single 6F6) on 80 meter CW and enjoys it lots.

Another new call sign in our midst is W9MHP, issued to Don Littwiller, who lives on the southeast side of town. Hope that Con also can get out to a club meeting in the near future, and if like other new hams who come and make themselves known, he can do that, he will find plenty of advice, help and companionship to make this chosen hobby one that he will enjoy all the more.

Sam Taggart, W9NH has been quite active on 160 meter CW and is piling up a good score on 160 meter CW and is piling up a goodly number of the 48 states on that band. Sam runs about 75 watts to an 807 tube, uses an older model H+O receiver, says the noise level in his vicinity is terrific at times, but goes after them on the air anyhow. Any old



time CW operator like Sam no doubt does better with a bit of noise and QRM etc. for background effect. HI. (Ed. who said no one was on the 160 meter band. Maybe the old 160 meter gang can get back there.)

Another 160 meter CW station operating here in town is W9DPL, Howard Severeid, from his new QTH at 2431 E. Riverside Drive. Howard gradually got back on the air after his recent move. He put up an Amphenol 10 meter folded dipole antenna. He has been running 60 watts to an 807 and on New Year's day spent the holiday away from work in QSOing station on the air and worked them on 5 different bands that day, that is 160, 80, 40, 20, and 10 meters. He says that 11 wasn't open then or he would have been on it too. Said that he had sold his 2 meter equipment so he could not get on that band. Ho. Howard has since re-activated his high powered rig which runs 300 watts into a single 813 tube and says he can't do much more with this than the single 807, but does it a bit better. Howard worked a W1 in New England and comparing notes over the air a series of coincidences developed, both had been licensed for over 23 years with the same call, both were using 10 meter folded dipole antennas on five different bands, both were running 60 watts, each used an 807 final amplifier, each had an HQ129X receiver and they were practically the same age. Whats this about using a ten meter folded dipole on five different bands? (Ask DPL about it - he's doing it.) Just a short while ago DPL finished up band-spreading a command set receiver for the 160 meterband and has it working first-rate. This makes a trio of 160, 80, and 40 meter bandspread receivers.

Walter Todd, W9BOQ is back on 40 meters.

Gerald Lucas, W9APJ recently broke into print (again) in the Indpls daily newspapers. Seems an argument arose about the value of the numerical constant pi, some reader saying 3.14 was okay, another wrote in saying the proper figure was no less than 3.1416, whereupon W9APJ put an end to the argument by giving the correct value of the constant to about 12 decimal places. How long did it take you to calculate it, Jerry? W9APJ also states he was a blood donor at Veterans Hospital here when an urgent call came out to aid an ex-fellow worker who was ill in a hospital in another state. The blood was flown to him there in a special plane. Jerry says they must have forgotten to shut off the faucet as this case made him quite woozy for a little while afterward, something he has not experienced on previous occasions when he donated to the blood bank. Maybe they know a good quality when they see it and dipped deep into the source of supply, huh?

W9DPL has acquired a Millen Grid-Dipper unit and is enthused with the possibilities of its use, if he can just find time to put it to work on the various projects he has in the planning stage.

Speaking of projects ye ed just learned that APJ is finishing a project started 15 years ago. A Tesla coil. Nice work, bulldog Lucas.

W9JAY has joined up with the U.S. Naval Reserve where he now devotes one evening each week at the armory at Riverside Park and is at present getting his basic orientation routine over with, after which time he expects to go into communications with the unit there. Dick also reports he has about finished the rig described in a recent Radio Television News magazine, using an 829B final for 10 meter fone operation. He should soon break out on that band to yakity-yak-yak with the boys (and girls) there.

W9OVF, Harry Butler has an eye to future possibilities regarding por-



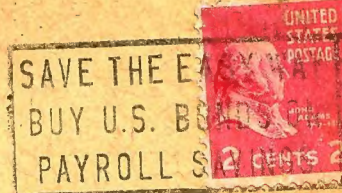
table/emergency and vacation time operation. For away from the home QTH he is fixing up command type transmitters and receivers for use for the above purposes. All of us are familiar with them and their possibilities in amateur communication and Harry has just gotten a 40 meter receiver with band-spread and it works much more satisfactorily from the ham communications standpoint, and he is hoping to band-spread an 80 meter receiver soon. Harry says his new Gonset Tri-band in the car where he operates mobile is a real nice unit. Anyone wanting information on band-spreading the command receivers by the way can contact W9OVF or W9DPL.

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Ye ed acknowledges belatedly communications from Doc Pickhardt from Franklin, Joe Brand from Albuquerque, N. M. Paul Endres W9RCV from Danville, Ind. who sent along a FB photo of his rig and shop. Charles Manning who wrote about a deer hunting trip to Michigan with bow and arrows. Many thanks and your letters have been turned over to club for reading. To the rest of you, keep up the work these other fellows have started.

By the way DPL who sends quite a few of the items that you read each month noted that the Ind news in the ARRL activities was missing in DEC. QST. It may be that he suffers as yed of this rag, that is that no one bothers to send in reports of activity to him. His address is- W9RE, W. E. Monigan, 1504 East Ewing, South Bend 14, Ind. Drop him a line each month telling news of your station or items of interest about some fellow operator. His job like editing Ama-Chewer isn't easy so let's all give him a hand a little more often.

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